Prohibition

Letters to the Tribune's Editor

I wholly disapprove of what you say and will defend to the death your right to say it .- Voltaire to Helvetius.

Republican's Tariff Dissent

Voted for President Harding, but Not for Protection-London Bankers' Views on Trade Restriction

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I was much interested in your description of Mr. Fordney's defense of the proposed new tariff, in which you quoted Mr. Fordney as saying: "The Republican party has taken it

loudly for protection.' I voted for President Harding, but I certainly did not consider I was speaking out loudly for protection. I do not know how many other voters in this country voted the Republican ticket wihout meaning to imply that they

for granted that the people spoke out

were in favor of a high tariff. In this connection, I wonder if you have read the July monthly circular of the National City Bank of New York. I will refer you to pages nine and ten, whereon is printed a most interesting appeal signed by the leading bankers of London. I quote the following para-

"It is as true as it was a hundred years ago that foreign commerce conduces to the wealth and prosperity of a country by enabling it to import the commodities which other countries are best able to supply, and to export in payment those articles which from its own situation it is best adapted to produce; that freedom from restraint be calculated to give the utmost extension to foreign trade and the best direction to capital and industry and that the maxim of buying in the cheapest market and selling in the dearest, which regulates every merchant in his individual dealings, is the best rule for the trade of the whole na-

with the well-meant design of encouraging our own, cannot increase the volume of commerce or the total volume of employment here. But it may well compel the consumers who form the bulk of our population to or quantity of the goods they buy.

The importation of foreign goods our people, because such goods can them in the best markets. only be paid for by the produce of British capital and labor. The advoapt to lose sight of the elementary fact that nations, or rather, individual dom principally depends.

prosper too. We hold to-day great of Continental commerce—due in strong enough to make an impression.

part to the restrictive barriers which DISSATISFIED REPUBLICAN.

for what they want.

means, can only retard improvement ing the American occupation hitherto.

tends to diminish the resources of corporations for a mere song.

the production of other countries, of lows to impose a prohibitive tariff Haytian currency by four-fifths, so that eral law is supreme. cattle?

the West. Would it help New York \$1.50 a thousand pounds of logwood Of course not. New York, Iowa, a thousand pounds of cedar. submit to privations in the quality Texas and other states in the Union produce within their borders the things the occupation that this new act of does not diminish the activities of best fitted to produce. They then sell

cates of a restrictive system are too holds to a great extent between the

members of nations, buy foreign am rather inclined to think that there goods because they need them, not to are a great many people who voted the nity which holding office gives them. I think Mr. Fordney is wrong, and benefit others, but to benefit them-Republican ticket at the last election turn requires. We cannot limit im- thought to the tariff. Personally it has into effect willy-nilly. ports into this country without always seemed a great pity to me that limiting our export trade and strik- the Republican party should be apparother nations rather than the policy.

It is encouraging to think that at tax will be even more impossible of of keeping in touch with the depth of from that. In case of disaster, where stocks of goods. We are ready to least some of the Republicans in Con- payment when he is in fail, and the manufacture more. There is a large gress can remain Republicans and yet assurance of the loss of his land thereand insistent demand for them be opposed to a protective tariff. Let by infinitely multiplied. abroad. But owing to the paralysis us hope that this new light will be

the new states have set up between. New York, July 14, 1921.

. The Meaning of Zionism

Palestine as the Spiritual Home of Judaism to Raise the World's Cultural Standard

To the Editor of The Tribune. ally sterile. Such is the idea to be be the center of our mission, the materialist, where it seems a failure Jews of the world is determined. on the principle of "Realpolitik." Indeed, the writer proves nothing more than the disadvantages of Palestine for us view it with regard to its meaning

means to afford the Jews greater ease, indeed, much did the Jew forego- elsewhere. wealth, position, justice-when they The writer with whom I take issue used as the basis of selling price the

in the Jewish purpose and ideal.

Princecution the Jew was in no condi- needed for that than the plan, nearly one new well now prolongs the exist- vention? tion to spread abroad his ideal. He was realized, of a Jewish university in cuce of the eleven-year-old well for an then being tried in fire to see if he Palestine. From that firmest mainstay additional 11212 years, or will allow would stand true. But now the Jew has of Jewish hopes we shall be enabled to 112% wells of this caliber to operate reached, to a great extent, wealth, posi- raise the cultural standard of the an additional year. One well less now tion and prestige, without deserting his world. It is from a Zionism of which will create a vacuum, equivalent to the ideal. Now he can begin to further that is a symbol that the Jewish ideals production of twenty seven-year-old his divine mission. Position, wealth, will emanate, making the Jews through-wells. What could be simpler? prestige were not his ends, but the out the world missionaries in the tru- Se that you may not think I have

When we consider Zionism on that | Rockville Center, N. Y., July 14, 1921. which is represented over a period of talk about something else.

basis a wholly different aspect appears Sir: May I reply to a recent criti- before us. We see Zion the signal of cism of Zionism in which a person of our ideal, the cornerstone of our missome preminence draws the flat consion. Just as the lodge for the Mason clusion that Zionism is a fallacy from Mason; just as Rome is the source of appeal for the small producer as a four years by the following figures: sound, politically fantastical, spiritu- olic, so do we Jews crave Palestine to

The choice of Palestine in preference business, talent," "social position," which would virtually amount to stagtine as a "national home" it is only for the purpose of insuring our spirit-Judaism of course, is not an institu- ual home. The Mason need not live is static. tion for the benefit of its adherents, a in the clubroom nor the Catholic in Rome nor the Jew in Palestine.

pleasure or even justice and worldly Of course, Palcatina will afford a prestige. In other words, Judaism is temporary refuge for persecuted Jews ily your cost; at times of shortage in pure idealism, for whose sake its ad- until conditions warrant a return to a commodity the highest cost in the herents must make a sacrifice. And, their native countries or a departure industry may govern; when demand

for the American Jew, England for the fer. In the event of a gradual yet com- English Jew and France for the French The following figures are typical of plete assimilation of Jews as a solu- Jew." But he avoids mention of a production per well per year in the tion of the "Jewish problem" not alone "Zion" for the Jew respectively of Po- mid-continent; they do not necessarily the untold misery and sufferings of land, Russia, Austria, Germany, Ru-represent either barrels or gallons, but the Jewish past would have been in mania, Czecho-Slovakia, Ukraine, Ser- represent relative quantity:

vain but an irretrievable loss to humanity would have occurred of the Jewish future.

The Jewish mission is to make mankind recognize that one indivisible truth, to which all religions subscribe—that there is one Father for all of us; we are all brothers.

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Sixth year's production.

Sixth year's production. of salesoffice for distributing the Jew- Eight is contained in 1,000 1123; In the midst of intolerance and ish commodity. No clearer evidence is times. Refraining from drilling the their own comfort rather than for con-

Hayti's New Burden

Delegate of Haytian People Complains of Increased Land Tax To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: To the untold suffering of the Haytian people for the last six years themselves the would-be buyers of a new and even more terrifying chapour goods have not the means to pay ter is to be added. The occupation is that we need by encouraging Con- purpose of this tax is to put through tinental nations to export to us. For fimprovements," irrigation chiefly, but it is only by exports that they can it is clear that it is designed largely to reëstablish their credit and provide cover up the squandered revenues of funds for the payment of their debts. the nation for the last six years and to In such a situation we believe that make a belated attempt, now that the all expedients to control and hamper world's attention is focused on Sante imports into this country, whether Domingo and Hayti, to make up for by licenses, tariffs or any other absence of any constructive work dur-

in the Continental exchanges and This new tax will have no other effect prevent the natural recovery of than to dispossess the little Haytian landowners, the humble peasant class, "Legislation of this nature, while who form the backbone and the overit may increase the profits of a few whelming majority of the Haytian popselected industries, cannot fail to ulation. These people have held their check our output as a whole and to land, handing it down from father to increase the costs of production to a son, for over a century since the found- lification of the Constitution. level which may make it increasingly ing of the republic. However they sufdifficult for British traders to com- fered in consequence of the occupation, pete successfully with others in the they at least felt themselves safe from markets of the world. With party or starvation and utter destitution as long political considerations we, as bank- as they held their little land, which ers, are not concerned. But in the enabled them to raise foodstuffs to supinterests of British industry and port themselves. This new tax, which commerce, now menaced by anxieties they will be unable to pay, will mean which it would be a profound mis- nothing more nor less than that the take to underrate, we desire to enter lands will be forfeited to the "state"a respectful protest against every which means the American occupation restrictive regulation of trade which -and then be purchased by American

The Haytian peasant is already heav Iowa yearly imports thousands of while before the occupation the Ameron the importation into that state of the present tax in dollars represents five times its equivalent before the New York State consumes large occupation.) He pays \$1.75 export tax quantities of small grains grown in on each hundred pounds of cocoa; State to put a tax on Western grain? \$3 a thousand feet of mahegany, \$1.50

oppression has been put into effect by President Dartiguenave. It has. The Thee argument that holds so clearly the mere rubber stamps of the occupater experiences what it means to op-

selves, and pay for them by produc- who did so because they preferred but the prospect of seeing whatever ing goods which the foreigner in his Harding to Cox and who gave little measures the occupation desired put Of course the recently reëstablished martial law, which subjects any critic ing a grave blow at the world-wide ently tied to and committed to a false of the occupation to trial by court commerce on which this island king- economic doctrine. However, they martial, with consequent fine and im-

seem to have, as a rule, the best men prisonment, is effective in preventing "Trade is exchange. No nation at the head of the party, and I for the protest against the pending taxapress. He knows that this impossible

The Haytian people are in despair. They earnestly appeal to all that is STENIO VINCENT.

New York, July 12, 1921.

The Life of Oil Wells

Study of Decline of Production During a Series of Years To the Editor of The Tribune.

your issue of July 12 I find a touching beginning to end-economically un- the spiritual ideals of the Roman Cath- justification for a duty on Mexican oil imports. It is well to remember that the small producer of to-day was yesed price. Thus the apparent injustice and flush production only. operates against the small producer at Irrespective of imports, this condition own land.

You cannot legislate to remedy a were at the expense of his mission as declares that "America is the 'Zion' small producer must of necessity suf-

means to his end, the brotherhood of est sense-missionaries not of Judaism, taken an extreme example I will state price may go up later; if you buy it washed, and washed, and washed, that I have knowledge of production now, the price may go down later. Let's JOSEPH E. WOO

Discussing Prohibition

The Ayes Have It in This Group of Letters—One Who's Not Yet Decided

To the Editor of The Tribune.

ment be repealed and very wisely asks: their own initiative, apart from Federal | ing liquors. law, the chances for wet success by All the drunkenness in the world for that method are indeed remote.

to such harmless and health-giving wines of to-day could not be made exceed 12 per cent for wines and not of fermented liquors. more than 4% per cent for beer."

it should be remembered here that question in conflict with the laws of by the Supreme Court. Congress and that it would lead to end- There is only one constitutional cattle, which are fattened on lows corn ican dollar was the equivalent of the less confusion for each state to make method for getting booze back-repeal and then shipped to Chicago to be Haytian gourde, the occupation arbi- its own interpretation of a Federal the Eighteenth Amendment. slaughtered. Would it help the State trarily reduced the value of the constitutional provision, and that Fed-

Sir: In last Sunday's Tribune D. R. tion is musty with age and has like- State bonus legislation, in so far as it about to put through a twelvefold in- Browne, chairman of the Self-Deter- wise been smashed to smithereens by affected non-residents. I feel that you been told this on May 14, 1917, the "We have to build up the market crease in the land tax. The avowed mination League, suggests what your the Supreme Court in numerous de- will agree with me that in certain day I enlisted: "My caption terms a "Wine and Beer Com- cisions, notably in the decision in the promise" to solve the prohibition prob- Ruppert case, as well as in the unanimous decision covering the amendment Mr. Brown waves aside the sugges- as a whole, and the Volstead act's defi- in New York State, served in a New

> "How? When? Where?" It can't be tion not only bumps up against the business reasons I moved to New Jer- of them are drafted a year from now?" done without the concurrence of thirty- Constitution and the Supreme Court six states, and with thirty-three states but also against the experience of all that have adopted bone-dry laws at ages that wine and beer are intoxicat-

the first 5,000 years of history was Equally impossible, it seems to me, caused by light wines and beer. The is Mr. Browne's compromise sugges- drunkenness condemned in Holy Writ, tion, because it would be a direct nul- the bacchanalian revelries described an intoxicating beverage, which applies eleventh century, and the fortified (sic) drinks as light wines and beer, without spirits. Fourteen per cent is the alcoholic content of same not to the highest possible alcoholic content

Will Mr. Browne explain how Con-Right here the Self-Determination gress can authorize the manufacture League's chairman bumps up against and sale of such notoriously "intoxithe United States Supreme Court, which cating liquors" for beverage nurposes has decided unanimously in the New under a Constitution that prohibits Jersey and Rhode Island appeals un- such manufacture and sale. It can't der the "concurrent power" section of be done; and were a Congress to be What these English bankers say ap- ily taxed. He pays \$3 export duty for the Eighteenth Amendment that a elected sufficiently venal to enact such plies also to the situation in this coun- every hundred pounds of coffee. (And state has no right to legislate on this a law it would be promptly pulverized

SAMUEL WILSON.

Jersey City, N. J., July 11, 1921.

Shipmaster and Engineer

Former Has Most of the Responsibility—"Must Be Lawyer, Doctor, Parson, Diplomat"

Shipmaster" and "Engineer," and can and operator in the business consider thoroughly understand the position that when they have a good master. taken by each. As I have had nearly mate and cook the ship will get along fifty years of experience in the science with the engineer, either shop experiof ship operating, I think I have a good enced or shovel. There is no doubt

His work is professional. An engineer, house and the engineer displaced with a to be a mechanic, has no time to learn crew of machinists and fitters who will the profession of shipmaster. Charter obey the orders of the master and parties, bills of lading, bills of health, thereby make ship property once more all the documents and laws regulating profitable. commerce all over the world are beyond his view. His log and his requisi- risk on a ship must knew who is going tions for supplies and repairs are as to be master of her, and all of his hisfar as he can go if he attends to his tory from the time he got a certificate

which lives by trading with others one preferred to vote for the man tion which every Haytian burns to exwater, port charges, what kind of dis- total or partial loss is suffered, or even patch can be got, and cost of stores and where general average loss occurs, the ers on all these questions. He has to raise money to pay for repairs at a forbest and noblest in American sentiment and in American public opinion the supplies and material for the voy- hesitate before they would consent to to end the miseries inflicted upon them age, and from the time that he sails

The master of a ship is always on represents, expect of him. duty. He has no watch and watch. He

Sir: In a letter by E. B. Reeser in is liable to be called at any time. The

1,000, 110, 50 and 40.

The decline from flush to settled is conclusive evidence that we are not source of our ethical and moral ideals, terday's large producer and that no suffering from over-production created gained by looking over the field of to be that institution in Judaism out discrimination is made between the by the old and now existing wells. but To the Editor of The Tribune. Zionism from the standpoint of the of which the standard of ideals for the large and small producers as to post- that the industry is jeopardized by new

The curtailment or reduction in the so any other land lies in its traditional all times; it may cost \$40 per well per drilling of one well may cause 112 July 9, "For God's Sake, Gentlemen, Be the Jew seeking "political office," significance. However, Zioniam implies month to operate a series of wells, and producers to shut down, making them Reasonable," we also repeat the same, the Jew seeking "political office," no continuation of ancient tradition this irrespective of whether the quant for conscience," "a field for which would virtually amount to starwhich are not the goals of an idealist, nation or reversion. Zionism means while the cost per barrel is ten times always provided, of course, that the barrels; the cost per well is the same does not reduce its potential quantity, as large in the one case as the other. producers confine themselves to their that if the tariff puts out 400 people in

There is no incentive for a producer ple to put to work in this country. Tell to drill for his own oil at \$1 a barrel. natural economic condition of this kind Only the fact that he is getting oil by an import tax. The basis of all outside of his own domain justifies and as good gloves. selling price is cost, but not necessar- drilling at the present time and price.

New York, July 13, 1921.

Freedom of Appeal To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Aprepes the agitation for men

to go without coats and hats here is I wear a hat on Sunday only, and then to church only. On other days I go to the theater and to other public riches are counted to-day.

places without one. If any one is curious I don't care. When I wish I go without a coat. On week days I frequently go on the subway or to other public places wearing a gray Palm Beach coat, with odd trousers. On the street I do not care

whether I wear one or not. INSTRUCTOR IN ONE OF THE

LOCAL COLLEGES. New York, July 15, 1921.

The Coal Puzzle (From The Cleveland Plain Dealer) If you don't buy your coal now, the date chrome tannage which can be

Sir: I have read the letters of "Old eight-hour day, and every ship owner A shipmaster makes a poor mechanic. be stopped and started from the wheel-

The underwriters when they write a repairs in every port in the world, and engineer would have a lot to learn, and he must be prepared to advise his own- where a bottomry bond is needed to

until he returns be responsible for the In fact, the master of a ship is re health and safety of all on board, sponsible for everything on deck, in When trouble comes along he must be the engineer's and steward's departthe judge and punish all who by mu- ments of a ship, and should get a retiny or laziness or disobedience of or- port from them at the change of every ders or dishenesty endanger the peace watch. That is what the owners of and comfort of all on board, including the ship, the owners of the cargo and the insurers of both, all of whom he

Brooklyn, July 11, 1921.

Glove Makers' Protection

Claim of Superiority for American

Sir: In answer to W. C. Smith's article in The Dry Goods Economist of this country a chance. Tell Mr. Smith his factory in France we have 400 peo-

We will call his atention to the fact W. F. SUENDER. 'that the men never suffered by paying unreasonableprices when the high duty was put on men's gloves. The American manufacturers see to this. The higher the duty the lower the price of gloves. Why? The American manufacturers' have always cut each other's throats and the people have received the benefit. There are no rich glove manufacturers in this country, as

> We did build up the men's glove trade with a high duty, and gave them better gloves than they ever got from Europe. Give us a chance on women's gloves. We won't use the cheap alum tan that is used in Europe, where flour and egg volk are scarce. These slumtanned gloves to-day are making the women mad, because every time the gloves get wet they have to buy another

Give our people work and they can pay our heavy taxes. The men in Europe don't pay our taxes. Give us a chance to build up our glove leather and glove industry, and the statistics show the people will benefit and get a much better article made from up-to-JOSEPH E. WOOD.

Gloversville, N. Y., July 12, 1921.

Missed Bonus By a Week

New Yorker Who Moved Feels Injustice of Residence Limitation To the Editor of The Tribune.

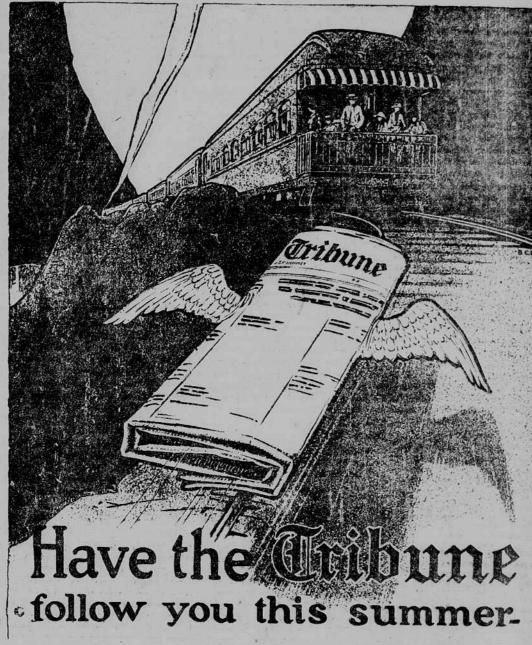
you say that "Criticism has been some-The "light wine and beer" sugges- what untimely" concerning New York For example, I was born in New New York State. However, for purely lifelong playmates, even though some sey about a week before November 2. Again, is it fair to give a bonus to 1920, bringing my family with me. a foreigner who happens to be a resi-Nevertheless, I still continue to do dent and refuse it to a native-born use quibbling, we will have to

City firms. But because I made this residence a few miles across as sta nove to New Jersey and "abandoned" Forder my residence would still have been in and I would be entitled to a bonus.

EX-FIRST LIEUTENANT.

Rutherford, N. J., July 11, 1921,

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